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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98 and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

U.S. REFERENCES:

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>
D130,643	12/1941	Hose, C.G.
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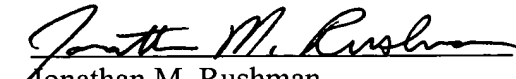
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The above-identified references are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the foreign reference is enclosed. Copies of the U.S. references are not enclosed in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice posted August 5, 2003, which waived the requirement that copies of U.S. references be submitted with information disclosure statements filed in applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art. Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

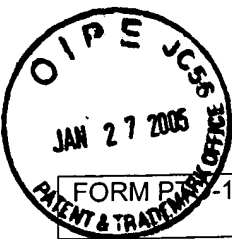
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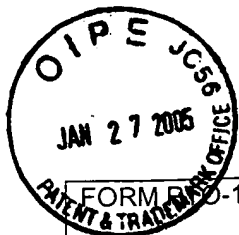
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